



File Code: 1950

Date: MAY 13 2015

Dear Interested Party:

The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) Communication Infrastructure Upgrades Environmental Assessment has been completed and a draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact is available for review. The Environmental Assessment and draft Decision includes upgrades to the MCMWTC communication facilities at three sites on National Forest System (NFS; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest) lands and two sites on land managed by the Department of Defense (DOD).

The US Forest Service draft Decision authorizes:

- Upgrades to two communication sites on NFS land, Mean Peak and Sweetwater, that were approved in the 2010 Decision Notice for the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Communications Infrastructure Upgrades Project, signed by Jeanne Higgins on September 20, 2010.
- An additional communication site (the 9494 site) on NFS land.
- Approximately 1.5 acres of disturbance at all three NFS sites needed to upgrade the communication facilities.

In 2010 the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) was amended to designate the Mean Peak and Sweetwater sites as communication sites. The draft Decision for this project also amends the Toiyabe National Forest LRMP to designate the 9494 site as a Communication site. The Responsible Official who will issue a decision on this project is **Forest Supervisor William A. Dunkelberger**.

A copy of the **Environmental Assessment, draft Decision Notice, and Finding of No Significant Impact** and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained on line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45828> or from: James Winfrey, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks NV, 89431, (775) 355-5308

This proposed project is subject to the objection processes pursuant to both 36 CFR 218 Subpart B and 36 CFR 219 Subpart B. The publication date in the Reno Gazette/Journal, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Submitting Objections Pursuant to 36 CFR 218

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5a. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.



Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in (§ 218.8(d)) include:

- Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project, and
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Submitting Objections Pursuant to 36 CFR 219

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 219.53 (c)). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record. At a minimum the objection must include the following (§ 219.54(c)):

- The objector's name and address (§ 219.62), along with a telephone number or email address if available;
- Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);
- Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection (§ 219.62). Verification of the identity of the lead objector if requested;
- The name of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the responsible official;
- A statement of the issues and/or the parts of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision to which the objection applies;

- A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If applicable, the objector should identify how the objector believes that the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy; and
- A statement that demonstrates the link between prior substantive formal comments attributed to the objector and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment (§ 219.53(a)).

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer at Regional Forester, Nora Rasura, Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the Reno Gazette/Journal, newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx) to objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9, §219.56(a)).

Thank you for your continued interest in the management of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor